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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS SURVEY TEAM

REF: STATE 211084

1. TEAM DEPARTING WASHINGTON BN 979, MONDAY, AUGUST 30.
2. TEAM MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS: RONALD L. NICHOLSON, S/NM, DEPUTY FOR PROGRAM, TEAM LEADER; MAJOR MC BEE, AID, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SER/INC, ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION AND TRAINING; PAUL KATZ, AID, ELECTRONIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEER; JOHN EYRE, AID, CHIEF BOLIVIAN DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS, PROGRAM OFFICER; DOMENICK MINGIONE, DEA SECTION CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS; VERNON GOERTZ, DEA, INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AND PLANNING.
3. TEAM REQUESTS RESERVATIONS AT CRILLION. MC BEE AND KATZ SINGLES, MINGIONE AND GOERTZ DOUBLE, NICHOLSON AND EYRE DOUBLE WITH SITTING ROOM.

4. UNLESS THERE ARE PRESSING REASONS TO CONTRARY, WE
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BELIEVE TEAM'S VISIT SHOULD BE KEPT LOW-KEY WITH MINIMUM

PUBLICITY AND SOCIAL OCCASIONS IN ORDER AFFORD MAXIMUM

TIME/ENERGY FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND TO MINIMIZE
SPECULATION WHAT USG/GOB ARE UP TO.

5. SCOPE OF WORK FOR TEAM AS STATED REFTEL. SUGGEST
SURVEY BEGIN WITH BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR AND NARCOTICS
COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY FOLLOWED BY INTERVIEWS THURSDAY
WITH MISSION PERSONNEL ON VARIOUS ASPECTS TOTAL NARCOTICS
PROGRAM. FRIDAY/SATURDAY COULD BE DEVOTED MEETINGS
WITH APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIALS AND TO ARRANGING SCHEDULE
FOR IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL. TEAM WOULD RECONVENE LA PAZ
MID-WEEK AND IN CONJUNCTION MISSION AND GOB PREPARE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS ON PLAN FOR ALL
PROGRAM ELEMENTS FOR FY-77 AND, TO EXTENT FEASIBLE, FOR
FY-78 INCLUDING ACTIONS EACH GOVERNMENT CAN EXPECT FROM

THE OTHER. IT IS HOPED THAT OUTLINE OF PLAN COULD BE
COMPLETED AND AGREEMENT REACHED IN PRINCIPAL WITH GOB
PRIOR TO TEAM'S DEPARTURE WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 11. KISSINGER

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